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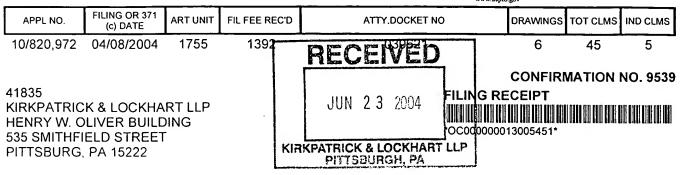
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STARCH BINDER COMPOSITIONS, METHODS OF MAKING THE SAME AND PRODUCTS FORMED THEREFROM

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention is directed to starch binder compositions, methods of forming the same, and products formed therefrom.

BACKGROUND

[0002] Gypsum board is a popular and conventional building material that is used in various types of building products such as, for example, walls, floors, and ceiling boards. Gypsum wallboard comprises a core material positioned between two porous sheet members, such as paperboard. The core material is typically formed from a plaster slurry that includes the combination of calcined gypsum, a reinforcing agent, a surfactant agent, a binder material, and water. The slurry is deposited and pressed between two continuous sheets of paper that are then allowed to take a "set" as the continuous sheet is conveyed to a cutter station where the board is cut into the desired lengths. The cut sheets may then be conveyed through drying kilns to remove excess moisture from the board and to enhance the migration of the soluble sugars (dextrins) in the acid modified starch to the paper/core interface to form a chemical bond.

[0003] Acid modified industrial grain sorghum, a thin boiling starch, is a known core binder material that is added to the plaster slurry in the manufacture of gypsum wallboard. When added to the slurry and pressed between the paperboard sheets, the soluble sugars of the modified sorghum migrate toward and partially into the sheets during the set and drying stage of manufacture, thereby promoting a chemical bond between the paper and core interface.